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### **CORDRAY CHOSEN COUNTY LEADER OF THE YEAR National Magazine Honors Ohio Treasurer**

American City & County Magazine, the voice of state and local government since 1909, chose Franklin County Treasurer Richard Cordray as its pick for the 2005 County Leader of the Year. Cordray was chosen number one out of "stacks" of applicants by a four-member team comprised of the magazine's editorial staff. Eligible candidates included any county office from every state in the union.

Cordray was a unique selection in that he did not boast of a national presence. Many of the previous designees had headed up national organizations such as the National Association of Counties. In contrast, Cordray has stayed close to home doing the job.

The July issue of American City & County Magazine features a six-page article with Cordray on the cover. Full text copies of the article may be found on the American City & County web site at [http://americancityandcounty.com/issue\\_20050701/](http://americancityandcounty.com/issue_20050701/).

The article recognizes the following achievements:

- Record-breaking delinquent tax collections in the history of Franklin County
- A core investment portfolio that outperformed the market by 154 percent
- Numerous outreach efforts such as working with the elderly to keep them in their homes
- Creating a community-wide financial education program
- Establishing a land bank to clean up and redevelop foreclosed properties

Cordray, honored by receiving national recognition, had the following comment: "My staff has worked very hard these past two years to reform public service so as to make a difference in our community. Receiving this award means that their efforts have been recognized. It was possible because of the tremendous cooperation we've received from virtually every county office and the entire community. In the end, all of Franklin County wins. I could not be happier. "